

REMARKS

Upon entry of the proposed amendment, Claims 1, 16 and 17 will be amended. Claim 11 has been cancelled. Independent Claim 1, with Claims 2-10 and 12-18 depending therefrom will remain for consideration.

The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In particular, the Examiner indicates that “in claim 1, there is no support in the specification for the liner being shaped and configured to cover **only** the crotch opening (Office Action, p. 2, lines 11-12, Examiner’s emphasis).” By this amendment, Applicant has deleted the word “only” from line 10 of Claim 1, thereby obviating the Examiner’s objection.

The Examiner has also objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for subject matter recited in Claim 16. In particular, the Examiner indicates that “in claim 16 there is no support in the specification for the third and fourth pocket being located at the lower end of the fly-flap (Office Action, p. 2, lines 15-16).” By this amendment, Applicant has amended the specification at page 14, lines 14-15 to provide basis for the above-noted recitation in claim 16. The specification has also been amended at page 14, lines 5-7 to provide terminology that is more consistent with the terminology used in the remainder of the specification and the Claims. Support for these amendments is clearly present in the drawings, specification and claims as originally filed. Thus, no new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

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The indication by the Examiner in the recent Office Action of November 14, 2005, that Claims 1-10 and 12-18 are allowed over the prior art of record is noted with appreciation.

Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments made herein properly respond to the outstanding Final Rejection and represent a *bona fide* effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application. Applicant has attempted to comply with each formal requirement, and care has been exercised to insure that no new matter has been introduced and that no new issues have been raised that would require further consideration or search. Applicant respectfully requests entry and favorable consideration of the proposed amendment.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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